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1. Cruisers for Executive Officers. As a result of the limited number of battleships to which Commanders may be assigned as executive officers, officers who have been executives of light cruisers first line (CL), cruisers second line (OCA), or aircraft carriers of the Saratoga class will hereafter be considered as having completed their cruises as executive officers.

2. Duty on Battleships Undergoing Modernization Considered as Sea Duty. Duty for officers on battleships undergoing modernization will be considered as sea duty for purposes of record and rotation of sea and shore duty. The necessary corrections will be made in the case of ships which have been or are at present undergoing modernization.

Requests from officers for an extension of their cruises as a result of being attached to such ships while undergoing modernization will be given consideration.

3. Designation of Navy Mail Clerk and Assistant Navy Mail Clerk. In connection with Articles D-5305 to D-5311 (inclusive) Bureau of Navigation Manual, with the contents of which all Commands should familiarize themselves, the Bureau invites attention to the following instructions and urges strict compliance therewith.

When recommendations are submitted for the designation of Navy Mail Clerks and Assistant Navy Mail Clerks, the full name of the person recommended, his rating and service number and the date of the expiration of his enlistment must be given; also the name of the commissioned

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officer to whom the postal equipment and radio funds will be delivered pending the execution of the Mail Clerk's bond.

The Post Office Department will take no action upon a request for designation of a man as Navy Mail Clerk or Assistant Navy Mail Clerk unless the above information is furnished. Failure to comply with the above instructions, which are included in the Bureau's Manual, on the part of practically all commands of the service, has necessitated a vast amount of correspondence and the expenditure of considerable funds in sending despatches, and it is the Bureau's desire that this practice be discontinued.

Attention is invited to the fact that a man, in order to be eligible for the position of Navy Mail Clerk or Assistant Navy Mail Clerk, must have at least one year to serve on his current enlistment from the date his appointment is to be effective. Chief Petty Officers are not eligible for this position except in unusual cases. Members of the Hospital Corps are only eligible when designated for a hospital ship or Naval Hospital. When men are transferred or their enlistments expire, immediate notification should be sent to the Bureau as provided in Article D5307, Bureau's Manual Revised."

4. Tour of Duty at Naval Academy - Extension of Three Years.

It is the intention of the Bureau of Navigation to lengthen the tour of duty at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, to three years. It will, however, be necessary to make the adjustment gradually and at the end of the next academic year a certain percentage will remain a third year. For the present it is the intention to restrict this extension to officers who have had a total of at least eight years sea service and to those who have demonstrated a particular aptitude for the duty.

5. Administration of Oaths - Official Seal not Necessary. The Secretary of the Navy has decided that Congress has not required that a seal be used by officers of the Naval Service in administering oaths for the purposes of the administration of naval justice and for other purposes of naval administration.

6. Hydrographic News. In view of an inquiry by a Commanding Officer about the kind of data desired by the Hydrographic Officer, attention is invited to Bureau of Navigation Manual, Art. F-1004 which explains in detail the data required of Commanding Officers by Art. 886, Navy regulations.

The Hydrographic Office depends upon interchange of information. It gives much of value to the navigator. Its value varies according to the cooperation of the subscribers. Too many U.S. Naval Vessels are overlooking splendid opportunities to assist this service of maritime security.

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7. Motion Pictures. The Bureau has purchased the following feature motion pictures for exhibition on naval ships and stations taking Navy Film Service:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STAR</u>
Drums of the Desert	W.Baxter-Ford Sterling
The World at her Feet	F.Vidor - A.Kent
Time to Love	R.Griffith
Back to Nature	Richard Dix
Ten Modern Commandments	Esther Ralston
Naughty but Nice	Colleen Moore - D.Reed
Diamonds in the Rough	Milton Sills
The Sunset Derby	Mary Astor - Wm. Collier, Jr.
Tillie the Toiler	M.Davis - M.Moore
On Ze Boulevard	Lew Cody - R.Adoree
The Unknown	Lon Chaney - J.Crawford
Callahans and the Murphys	S.O'Neill - L.Gray
The Devils Saddle	Ken Maynard - K.Collins
Fast and Furious	Reginald Denny
The Missing Link	Syd Chaplin
Naughty Nannette	V.Dana - E.Brownell
The Claw	Claire Windsor - N.Kerry
Is Zat So	G.O'Brien - Lowe E.
Men of Daring	J.Hoxie - E.Gregory
The Love Thrill	L.LaPlante - Tom Moore
Mother	Belle Bennett - C.Kent
Rollled Stockings	L.Brooke - J.Hall
Pleasure before Business	P.O'Malley - V.Paire
Eyes of the Totem	W.Hawley - T.Santschi

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